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Loren W. Shaffer
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Dear Mr. Shaffer:

In your letter of March 9, 1972 you indicated that in view of the failure to license the Dura Landfill as required by law and the tremendous problems with demolition sites that you could not recommend that the Toledo Health Department Solid Waste Program be approved at this time. You say further that you plan on making a determination at a later date. Mr. Earl Probert tells me that as far as he knows, you have made no further visits to us in this regard since your letter. Your action in this regard has been a matter of some concern to me. It just seems to me that for you to make a major point of our failure to license and certify the Dura Landfill until February is going rather rigidly by the "book." Unfortunately, this matter was not brought to my attention until your March 9th letter. I think you would concur that the Dura site has been the cause of very few problems. The licensing would certainly have been accomplished in January, but we were unable to get a quorum of Board Members in order to hold a Board Meeting and take such action in January. If you wish to cite us strictly on failure to comply with the code then certainly you are justified.

As you well know, the problems with Manhattan Dump started and have been going on for several years prior to my arriving here. I think that you would have to concur that we took first definitive action to actually close the dump and begin the institution of legal proceedings against Municipal Services, Inc. We have also pressed the City very hard to acquire and establish additional solid waste sites. We have sought assistance from both the Ohio Department of Health and the Federal E.P.A. in regard to solving the problems at the Manhattan Dump.

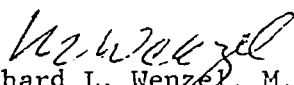
What I am saying, I think, is if you wish to make a major case of Manhattan Dump as a cause not to approve our solid waste program, then this case might well have been made long before now.

Not that I wish to make a comparison nor take any credit away from our program in Lucas County, but we have just received your letter of May 11, 1972 recommending that the Lucas County Solid Waste Program be approved. It seems to me that you site a substantial number of deficiencies in this program, all of these I hasten to add we will endeavor to correct.

I think I would like to say further that in an instance where you intend not to recommend our program for approval, I would appreciate, if possible, having the opportunity to discuss this with you some where near if not at the time of your inspection rather than being advised after the fact by letter.

Rest assured that it is our earnest desire to carry out the best solid waste program possible in both the City of Toledo and Lucas County and continue to make improvements which will accomplish this end.

Sincerely,


Richard L. Wenzel, M.D.
Health Commissioner

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